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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/173,129
Filing Date	October 15, 1998
First Named Inventor	Park
Group Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Peralta, Ginette
Attorney Docket Number	TI-25320

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SBI/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000), Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Extension of Time, Fee Transmittal

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-0668
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 12/05/2000 STEFFERA 00000083 200668 09173129
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:179 710.00 CH
- iii. ☒ Other additional claims (4 dependent)
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print I/Type)	Alan Lintel	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	32,478
Signature		Date	November 28, 2000

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Applicant(s): Park et al	Group Art Unit: 2814
Application No.: 09/173,129	Examiner: Peralta, G.
Filed: 10/15/98	I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to : Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, D.C. 20231 on <u>11/28/00</u>
Title: Selective Oxidation for Semiconductor Device Fabrication	<u>Alan Lintel</u> Alan Lintel, Reg. No., 32,478
Attorney Docket No.: TI-25320	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 5, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims

1 (Twice Amended). A method of fabricating, in a semiconductor processing chamber, an electrical device formed in a semiconductor substrate, said method comprising:

forming an insulating layer over said semiconductor substrate;  
forming a silicon-containing structure on said insulating layer;  
forming a conductive structure on said silicon-containing structure; and  
oxidizing a portion of said insulating layer and said silicon-containing structure while leaving said conductive structure substantially unoxidized by introducing O<sub>2</sub> and

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

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## Complete if Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account Number

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Deposit Account Name

Texas Instruments Inc.

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
101	710	201	355
106	320	206	160
107	490	207	245
108	710	208	355
114	150	214	75

Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims  - 20\*\* =  4 X  18 =  72

Independent Claims  - 3\*\* =  X  =

Multiple Dependent  =

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9
102	80	202	40
104	270	204	135
109	80	209	40
110	18	210	9

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65
127	50	227	25
139	130	139	130
147	2,520	147	2,520
112	920*	112	920*
113	1,840*	113	1,840*
115	110	215	55
116	390	216	195
117	890	217	445
118	1,390	218	695
128	1,890	228	945
119	310	219	155
120	310	220	155
121	270	221	135
138	1,510	138	1,510
140	110	240	55
141	1,240	241	620
142	1,240	242	620
143	440	243	220
144	600	244	300
122	130	122	130
123	50	123	50
126	180	126	180
581	40	581	40
146	710	246	355
149	710	249	355
179	710	279	355
169	900	169	900

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$1100

## SUBMITTED BY

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